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RE: Docket Number 2007-445-A

To Whom It May Concern:

Medical Transportation Management appreciates the opportunity to submit comments in support of Article 2 Addition of Regulations Governing "Stretcher Vans". MTM supports the efforts put forth by the Office of Regulatory Services, Department of Health and Human Services and the Public Service Commission for recognizing the need to establish this mode of transportation.

The Stretcher Van will assist in cost containment for private and public medical transportation services by allowing the use of a vehicle that is more cost effective to purchase, maintain and staff. The Stretcher Van is a service that will be provided to those who are medically stable and must lie flat; however do not require medical attention.

MTM supports the staffing requirements of a Driver and Driver Assistant trained in transferring, loading and unloading passengers, securely fastening of straps and 911 protocols. This is in keeping with current standards of Medical Transportation for ambulatory and wheel chair patients. The addition of the Stretcher Van staff will create more jobs and a new level in career path.

Moreover, MTM supports the "Stretcher Van" Regulation as it will free up over 1,000 trips monthly currently being transported via ambulance, allowing the vehicle to respond to more urgent/emergent medical calls in Medicaid Regions 1 and 2.

Thank you again for the opportunity to support this regulation on behalf of our vendors and clients in South Carolina. Please feel to contact me for further comment.

Regards,

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Sincerely,
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